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SUBJECT: NORTH ATALNTIC ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

SYG LUNS HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE NAC CONSIDER BEFORE MARCH 15 THOSE TEXTS ADOPTED AT THE NOVEMBER SESSION OF THE NAAA WHICH THE NAC FEELS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS COMMENTS BY IS ON SIX RECOMMENDATIONS AND TEN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE NAA, WHICH THE SYG WILL SUBMIT TO THE NAC FOR DISCUSSION. MISSION COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY COMMENT WHICH WASHINGTON WISHES TO MAKE ON THESE TEXTS.

BEGIN TEXT:

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28TH FEBRUARY, 1975

TO: PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COUNCIL)

FROM: SECRETARY GENERAL

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RECOMMENDATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS ADOPTED
AT THE 20TH SESSION OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

AT ITS 20TH SESSION, HELD IN LONDON FROM 11TH TO

16TH NOVEMBER, 1974, THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY ADOPTED CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS, THE TEXT OF WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO YOU BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ASSEMBLY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN RECENT YEARS, I SUGGEST THAT THE COUNCIL CONSIDER, BEFORE 15 TH MARCH, SUCH OF THESE TEXTS AS YOU FEEL SHOULD BE DISCUSSED.

3. ATTACHED ARE COMMENTS BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF ON SIX RECOMMENDATIONS AND TEN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY; I SHALL SUBMIT THESE COMMENTS TO THE COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSIONS. (SIGNED) JOSEPH M.A. H. LUNS

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GEN(74) 22 RECOMMENDATIONS 39

ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WITHIN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,
REAFFIRMING THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF SECURING MAXIMUM ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE;

CONSIDERING THE DEEP IMPACT OF EVENTS OF THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS ON THE ATLANTIC ECONOMIC SCENE AND THE INCREASING DANGERS OF NATIONALISM, PROTECTIONISM AND TRADE RESTRICTIONS;

EXAMINING THE ALLIANCE'S MOST IMPORTANT CURRENT PROBLEMS: INFLATION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF WESTERN DEMOCRACIES; BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS; AND THE PROSPECTS FOR A RECYCLING OF SURPLUS IN BALANCES OF PAYMENTS OF CERTAIN RAW MATERIAL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, AND IN PARTICULAR OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES; AND THE FUTURE OF DEVELOPMENT AID;

(1) PRESENTED BY THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

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RECOGNISING THE IMPORTANT WORK DONE BY THE DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL BODIES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND THE FAILURE OF THE ALLIANCE TO FIND A COMMON ANSWER TO THE ENERGY CHALLENGE, THE FAILURE SO FAR TO REFORM THE WORLD MONETARY SYSTEM AND THE DELAY IN STARTING REAL NEGOTIATIONS IN THE NEW GATT ROUND;

RECOMMENDS THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL URGE THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE:

(1) TO ESTABLISH WITHIN THE ALLIANCE THE APPROPRIATE DECISION-MAKING MACHINERY NECESSARY TO SECURE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE

ALLIANCE;

(2) TO IMPLEMENT POINT 11 OF THE OTTAWA DECLARATION BY ENCOURAGING THAT THEIR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP BE SUPPORTED BY HARMONIOUS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND BY REMOVING SOURCES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES;

(3) TO STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO FIND A COMMON APPROACH CONCERNING RAW MATERIAL PRODUCING COUNTRIES IN THE THIRD WORLD AND TO SPEAK INCREASINGLY WITH ONE VOICE IN THE DIALOGUE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON A NEW ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP;

(4) TO PROVIDE FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCE MINISTERS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ALLIANCE;

(5) TO RE-EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF AN ATLANTIC FREE TRADE AREA ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 24 OF GATT.

COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION 39 ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
WITHIN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE

1. THE CONSEQUENCES, IN THE AREAS OF DIRECT CONCERN TO THE ALLIANCE, OF THE PREVAILING ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE NON-CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNIST WORLD FORMED THE CENTRAL THEME OF THE VERY FRANK AND FULL DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN ALLIED FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THEIR RESTRICTED MEETING ON 12TH DECEMBER, 1974. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING EMPHASIZED THE INTEREST AROUSED BY THIS QUESTION.

2. ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ENABLES IT TO TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY FOR THE COMMON DEFENCE AND THE MAINTENANCE OF POLITICAL SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE ALLIED COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE IMPACT ON THE ALLIANCE OF SUCH PROBLEMS AS INFLATION, BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICITS AND SHORT AND MEDIUM-TERM CHANGES IN THE ECONOMIC GROWTH RATES OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES ARE CONSTANTLY BEING EXAMINED BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

3. THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES FROM WHICH ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE ARE SUFFERING IN VARYING DEGREES AT PRESENT HAVE DIRECT REPERCUSSIONS ON DEFENCE SPENDING. THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE OFFER AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE TO GOVERNMENTS TO ENDEAVOUR TO ACT IN CONCERT.

4. AS REGARDS THE ORGANIZATION AT REGULAR INTERVALS OF MEETINGS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCE

MINISTERS OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES, THE LATTER CAN ARRANGE SUCH MEETINGS AT ANY TIME, IF THEY SO WISH AND IF THEY CONSIDER THEM NECESSARY TO THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE ALLINACE.

5. THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ALLIED COUNTRIES AND THE RAW MATERIAL PRODUCER AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS NOT OF CIRECT CONCERN TO NATO. IT IS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF CHANGING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE ALLIED COUNRIES FOSTER SUCH RELATIONS, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THROUGH THEIR ACTION IN SUCH SPECIALISED INTERNATIONAL FORA AS UNCTAD, THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THE WORKD BANK, OECD, CATT.

6. IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT TARRIF NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF GATT WILL OPEN IN 1975. ALTHOUGH THE ATLANTIC ALLINACE IS NOT DIRECTLY CONCERNED, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT, TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNITY, THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ALLIED COUNTRIES AND FACILITATE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THEM IN OTHER FIELDS.

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ON THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE (1)

THE ASSEMBLY, RECOGNISING THE NECESSITY OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUING SUCCESS OF THE ALLIANCE AND THE NECESSITY OF BETTER INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALLIANCE, ESPECIALLY AMONGST THE YOUNGER GENERALTION;
MINDFUL OF THE IMPORTANT ROLES PERFORMED BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE REPRESENTED IN THE ASSEMBLY, IN NOT ONLY INFLUENCING GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES TOWARDS THE ALLIANCE BUT ALSO IN AFFECTING PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS IT;

APRECIATIVE OF THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE ALLIANCE IN SPITE OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF COMMUNICATING TO FIFTEEN DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES;

CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE POSSIBLE WEAKENING OF POPULAR AND PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANCE WITHIN MEMBER COUNTRIES; AND
INTERESTED IN EXPANDING ITS CONTACTS WITH THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE AS AN APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP TO PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION OF 19TH JUNE, 1974;

RECOMMENDS THAT:

(1) THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL EXAMINE ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC INFORMATION IN ORDER TO DETERMINE AREAS

IN WHICH EXPANDED EFFORTS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN;

(2) THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE STUDY WAYS BY WHICH CONTACT WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS IN GENERAL AND THE ASSEMBLY IN PARTICULAR CAN BE IMPROVED AND THAT THE FOLLOWING INITIAL MEASURES BE TAKEN:

(A) INCREASED DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO DELEGATES OF THE ASSEMBLY;
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(B) IMPORVED AND EXPANDDED COVERAGE OF THE ASSEMBLY AND ITS ACTIVIEIES IN NATO PUBLICATIONS;

(C) INCLUSION OF THE ASSEMBLY AS A REGULAR PART OF THE NATO VISITOR'S PROGRAMME WHEN APPROPRIATE;

(D) PUBLICITY ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN MEMBER PARLIAMENTS WHICH HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE ALLIANCE.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 10 USNATO 1121

(1)PRESENTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION

COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION 40 ON THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE

1. RECOMMENDATION (1) REITERATES IN PART ACTION WHICH IS ALREADY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE COUNCIL. FOR INSTANCE, THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL INFORMATION OFFICIALS EXAMINES THE AREAS IN WHICH EXPANDED INFORMATION EFFORTS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AND AGREES A LIST OF PRIORITIES IN THE INFORMATION FIELD FOR THE NEXT YEAR. SIMILARLY, THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF INFORMATION SECTIONS IN MINISTRIES OF DEFENCE EXAMINES INFORMATION ACTION REQUIRED IN THE DEFENCE FIELD. THE RESULTS OF THESE CONFERENCES' WORK ARE GIVEN TO THE COUNCIL IN THE FORM OF A CHAIRMAN'S REPORT WHICH IS DEBATED IN THE COUNCIL AS REQUIRED. IN ADDITION, THE ASSEMBLY'S DESIRE TO SEE AREAS DETERMINED IN WHICH EXPANDED INFORMATION EFFORTS SHOULD BE TAKEN IS ASSURED BY THE MULTIPLE APPROACH CONCEPTION, ALREADY ADOPTED
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BY THE COUNCIL AS BEING ITS POLICY WITH REGARD TO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLIANCE.

2. THE ACTION ADVOCATED UNDER RECOMMENDATION (2) CONSTITUTES USEFUL GUIDELINES TO DEVELOPING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE AND PARLIAMENTARIANS, PARTICULARLY DELEGATES OF THE ASSEMBLY. THE ASSEMBLY'S PRACTICE OF HOLDING THE SPRING COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS WILL PROVIDE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE DELEGATES TO VISIT NATO HEADQUARTERS FOR APPROPRIATE BRIEFINGS UNDER THE REGULAR NATO VISITORS' PROGRAMME. GENERAL BRIEFINGS INCLUDE REFERENCES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY, AS TO OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING THE ALLIANCE.

3. ITEM (2)(B) IS ALREADY BEING IMPLEMENTED.

4. AS TO ITEM (D) OF THIS RECOMMENDATION, THIS MATTER COULD BE HANDLED IN AN INFORMAL MANNER BETWEEN THE INFORMATION SERVICE AND THE ASSEMBLY'S STAFF.

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GEN (74) 22

ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET MARITIME CAPABILITY(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,

CONCERNED AT THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN THE CAPABILITY OF THE SOVIET NAVY, AND PARTICULARLY THE QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED;

CONCERNED AT THE INCREASING ACTIVITY OF THE SOVIET FLEET AND ITS FREQUENT DEPLOYMENT IN AREAS VITAL TO WESTERN SECURITY INTERESTS;

NOTING THAT IN THE PRESENT ERA OF DETENTE, THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO REDUCING TENSION AND IMPROVING SECURITY IN

CENTRAL EUROPE TENDS TO DISTRACT MEMBER COUNTRIES FROM THE
VULNERABILITY OF THE FLANK AREAS;

RECOGNISING THAT SINCE THE ADOPTION BY NATO IN 1967
OF THE STRATEGY OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
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SOVIET HIGH SEAS FLEET HAS ADDED A NEW DIMENSION TO THE THREAT
FACING NATO; THAT IS, THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT
USE THEIR MARITIME POWER AGAINST NATO COUNTRIES INDEPENDENT OF
A LAND/AIR ATTACK ON WESTERN EUROPE;

RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF NATO:

(1) DEVELOP A MEANS OF COUNTERING THIS NEW THREAT WITHIN
THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE ALLIANCE, AND IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ITS DETERRENCE STRATEGY;

(2) GIVE RENEWED ATTENTION TO THE SOVIET MARITIME THREAT
AND THE INCREASING VULNERABILITY OF THE NORTHERN AND
SOUTHERN FLANKS.

COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION 41 ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
SOVIET MARITIME CAPABILITY

1. I SHARE THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC
ASSEMBLY AT THE GROWING CAPABILITY AND INCREASING ACTIVITY OF
THE SOVIET NAVY. BOTH THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL AND THE
DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN REGULARLY APPRAISED OF THIS
TREND AND NOTED WITH CONCERN THESE DEVELOPMENTS. THE VERY LARGE
SUBMARINE ELEMENT (THE LARGEST SUBMARINE FLEET IN THE WORLD), THE
HEAVY ARMAMENT OF THE SURFACE COMBATANTS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF
AIRCRAFT CARRIERS AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL AMPHIBIOUS
FORCES ("NAVAL INFANTRY") ARE ALL INDICATIONS OF THE SOVIET
DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE A POSITION OF DOMINANT SUPERIORITY AT
SEA AS WELL AS ON LAND. A FLEET OF THIS CHARACTER CANNOT BE
JUSTIFIED AS NECESSARY TO DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION AND HER ALLIES
AGAINST ATTACK FROM THE WEST. INDEED THE MAINTENANCE BY THE
SOVIET UNION OF A SUBSTANTIAL NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN,
THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, AND THE INDIAN OCEAN IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF
THEIR INTENTION TO USE THEIR MILITARY POWER IN SUPPORT OF THEIR
POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC AIMS ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS.

2. I WOULD CONCUR WITH THE ASSEMBLY THAT THE SOVIET NAVY
HAS THE CAPABILITY TO AND FREQUENTLY DOES DEPLOY IN AREAS VITAL
TO WESTERN SECURITY INTERESTS AND THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH
SEAS FLEET HAS ADDED A NEW DIMENSION TO THE THREAT FACING NATO
NATIONS BY THE USE OF MARITIME POWER AND BY EXERTING PRESSURE ON
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THE WEST THROUGH THE THREAT OF USING SUCH POWER; AND THAT SUCH AGRESSION OR PRESSURE COULD TAKE PLACE INDEPENDENTLY OF A LAND/AIR CONFLICT IN WESTERN EUROPE. VARIOUS NATO BODIES ARE STUDYING IN ASSOCIATION WITH NATIONAL MILITARY AUTHORITIES THE MEANS AVAILABLE FOR COUNTERING THIS THREAT WITHIN THE RESOURCES LIKELY

TO BE AVAILABLE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STRATEGY OF DETERRENCE. THESE STUDIES ARE TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE PREPARATION OF THE NEW DIRECTIVE ("MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE") FOR DEFENCE PLANNING IN NATO BEYOND 1980.

3. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT REGARDLESS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF DETENTE NATO IS STILL VERY MUCH CONCERNED WITH THE SECURITY OF THE WHOLE OF THE NATO AREA THOUGH OF COURSE I AM PARTICULARLY CONSCIOUS OF THE PRECARIOUS SITUATION EXISTING IN THE SOUTHERN REGION WHERE THE SECURITY OF THE WHOLE ALLIANCE MAY BE PROFOUNDLY ALTERED AS A RESULT OF RECENT EVENTS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN BY UNCERTAINTIES IN THE FIELD OF US MILITARY AID, THE WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH FORCES AND COMMITMENTS REDUCTIONS IN MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS BY SOME COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, THE PERMANENT DEPLOYMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL SOVIET MARITIME FORCES, SOVIET PENETRATION IN LITTORAL MEDITERRANEAN AND THE CONTINUED INSTABILITY OF THE MIDDLE EAST AREA. AS RECORDED IN THEIR COMMUNIQUE, MINISTERS GAVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THESE PROBLEMS DURING THEIR MEETING IN BRUSSELS LAST DECEMBER. A SPECIAL REPORT ON THE STRATEGIC SITUATION IN THE SOUTHERN REGION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO DEFENCE MINISTERS AT THEIR SPRING MEETING. MEAN WHILE THE VULNERABILITY OF THE NORTH, WHERE SOVIET FORCES IN THE AREA ARE SUBSTANTIALLY SUPERIOR TO THOSE OF NATO IS KEPT CONSTANTLY UNDER REVIEW.

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GEN(74) 22 RECOMMENDATION 42

ON THE RATIONALISATION OF DEFENCE RESOURCES(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNISING THE ECONOMIC PRESSURES FACING MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SUSTAIN DEFENCE EXPENDITURES;
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RECOGNISING THE INCREASING NEED FOR ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO REVIEW THEIR DEFENCE BUDGETS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF THEIR DEFENCE RESOURCES:

CONCERNED AT THE LOSSES, BOTH IN FINANCIAL TERMS AND COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS, OF NATO FORCES THROUGH THE CONSISTENT FAILURE TO STANDARDISE EQUIPMENT;

NOTING THE RECENT EMPHASIS OF THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT ON THE NEED TO ACHIEVE SPECIALISATION AMONG NATO FORCES;

WELCOMING THE INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS, IN CALLING FOR A STUDY BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OF THE LOSSES CAUSED BY THE LACK OF STANDARDISATION WITHIN NATO,
AND BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN ESTABLISHING AN
EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP TO STUDY RATIONALISATION AND
SPECIALISATION;

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(1) PRESENTED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF NATO:

(1) GIVE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE PRIORITY TO THE CURRENT
STUDIES BEING MADE ON RATIONALISATION, IN ORDER THAT
MEMBER COUNTRIES CAN PRODUCE THE MAXIMUM COST-
EFFECTIVENESS FROM THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR
DEFENCE;

(2) GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE CONCEPT OF SPECIAL-
ISATION, AND THE POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF DEFENCE TASKS BY
BY MEMBER COUNTRIES;

(3) ENLIST THE AID OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR
STANDARDISATION BY MAKING AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE
ASSEMBLY THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING
DEFICIENCIES IN THIS FIELD, AND IN DOING SO, BEAR IN
MIND THE RECENT REQUEST BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO THE
US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR INFORMATION ON

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THIS SUBJECT.

COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION 42 ON THE RATIONISATION
OF DEFENCE RESOURCES

1. THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE WELCOMES AND ACCEPTS THIS
RECOMMENDATION.

2. THERE HAS BEEN NO REDUCTION IN THE RUSSIAN MILITARY EXPENDITURE.
THE RESOURCES DEVOTED BY THE SOVIET UNION TO THE BUILD-UP OF HER
MILITARY POWER HAVE GROWN AT THE RATE OF ABOUT 3 PERCENT A YEAR IN
REAL TERMS OVER THE LAST DECADE. THIS GROWTH IS CONTINUING DESPITE
THE INITIATION OF EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS ON ARMS CONTROL AND THE
REDUCTION OF FORCES.

3. IN THIS SITUATION NATO IS FACED WITH THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING
FORCES ADEQUATE FOR DEFENCE AND DETERRENCE IN THE FACE OF MOUNTING
ECONOMIC PRESSURE. THIS PRESSURE IS NOT ONLY EXTERNAL, THAT IS THE
EFFECT OF INFLATION AND THE ENERGY CRISIS; WITHIN NATIONAL DEFENCE
PROGRAMMES THEMSELVES THE COSTS OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ARE
RISING FASTER THAN IN THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE. THUS THE PURCHASING
POWER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE BUDGETS IS SUBJECT TO A DOUBLE SQUEEZE.

4. IT IS PROBABLY UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT THAT EXTRA RESOURCES WILL
BE PRODUCED TO ANY SUBSTANTIAL EXTENT TO COMPENSATE FOR THESE
PRESSURES. BUT MUCH CAN BE DONE TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THE RESOURCES
WHICH ARE AVAILABLE, VIA COMMON EFFORT AND CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAMMES, A
ND
PARTICULARLY THROUGH STANDARDISATION OF EQUIPMENT AND THE SPECIAL-
ISATION OF DEFENCE TASKS.

5. THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IS DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH THE
ADVANTAGES, BOTH FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC, AS WELL AS MILITARY,
WHICH CAN BE REALISED THROUGH STANDARDISATION AND OF THE RESULTS
WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, ACTIVELY
CONCERNED WITH IMPROVING THE PRESENT SITUATION IN NATO. MINISTERS
NOT RECEIVE REGULAR REPORTS ON THIS SUBJECT AT THEIR SIX-
MONTHLY MEETINGS. AS RECORDED IN THEIR COMMUNIQUE,
DEFENCE MINISTERS AGREED TO CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON THE FOLLOWING
PRINCIPAL AREAS:

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- STANDARDISATION OF AMMUNITION FOR PORTABLE INFANTRY WEAPONS
- INTEROPERABILITY AND SECURITY OF COMMUNICATIONS

- SECOND GENERATION ANTI-SHIP MISSILES

6. THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IS MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE INTEREST SHOWN IN THIS SUBJECT BY THE PARLIAMENTARIANS AND BY THEIR OFFER OF SUPPORT. FOR THEIR PART THEY UNDERTAKE TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO MAKE THIS SUPPORT EFFECTIVE.

7. LIKEWISE BOTH MINISTERS AND THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION ARE NOW DEVOTING INCREASED ATTENTION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF RATIONALISATION AND SPECIALISATION OF DEFENCE TASKS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. THEY TAKE A REALISTIC VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN ARRANGING A REDISTRIBUTION OF MILITARY FUNCTIONS BETWEEN MEMBER NATIONS, AND OF THE TIMESCALES INVOLVED. NEVERTHELESS THEY APPRECIATE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS IF AN EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE RE-ARRANGEMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED. INITIALLY THEY ARE PURSUING THEIR STUDIES OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF SPECIALISATION IN A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPECIFIC AREAS.

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ON MBFR (1)

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNISING THE EFFECTIVE CO-OPERATION AMONG MEMBER STATES OF THE ALLIANCE IN REACHING COMMON POSITIONS FOR NEGOTIATION OF MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS WITH THE WARSAW TREATY ORGANIZATION POWERS;

BELIEVING THAT REDUCTIONS IN ALLIED FORCE DEPLOYMENTS ON THE CONTINENT SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS;

CONFIDENT THAT THE NATO ALLIES WILL MAINTAIN THEIR COHESION AND COMMITMENTS TO THEIR COMMON DEFENCE, AND FURTHER-CONFIDENTIAL

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MORE, WILL PURSUE THE NEGOTIATION OF ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS THAT WILL REDUCE THE CHANCES OF WAR, PROMOTE POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING, SAVE RESOURCES, AND BE IN THE INTEREST OF ALLIANCE COUNTRIES;

(1) PRESENTED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

BELIEVING THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE WARSAW TREATY ORGANIZATION POWERS TO NEGOTIATE SINCERELY ON MBFR AND THAT THEY HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN FROM DELAY IN NEGOTIATING AND AGREEING UPON THE MUTUAL AND BALANCED REDUCTION OF FORCES;

RECOMMENDS TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL:

(1) THAT THE ALLIANCE REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN STRONG DEFENCES, AND TO CONTINUE CLOSE ALLIED CO-OPERATION IN NEGOTIATING A MUTUAL AND BALANCED REDUCTION OF FORCES ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT;

(2) THAT ITS MEMBERS DEVELOP AND DEMONSTRATE THE POLITICAL WILL AND LEADERSHIP REQUIRED WITHIN THE ALLIANCE TO PROMOTE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.

COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION 43 ON MBFR.

I WELCOME THE SUPPORT EXPRESSED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY IN RECOMMENDATION 43 WITH REGARD TO THE ALLIED POSITION IN THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. THE ALLIED COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ALWAYS CO-OPERATED AND STILL CO-OPERATING CLOSELY, BOTH IN THE AD HOC GROUP OF ALLIED NEGOTIATORS IN VIENNA AND IN THE NATO COUNCIL, IN PURSUING THE NEGOTIATIONS. AN EXCELLENT SYSTEM OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN SET UP AND THE ALLIED NEGOTIATORS IN VIENNA HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE BEST MILITARY ADVICE AVAILABLE, AND INDEED, THIS IS TAKEN INTO FULL CONSIDERATION BY THE POLITICAL NEGOTIATORS. THEY ARE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO REACH REDUCTIONS AGREEMENT WITH THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES ASSURING UNDIMINISHED SECURITY IN EUROPE AT CONFIDENTIAL

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A LOWER LEVEL OF FORCES. AS LONG AS SUCH AN AGREEMENT IS NOT CONCLUDED, THEY ARE DETERMINED NOT TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF THEIR FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

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ON EXTENDING ASSEMBLY RELATIONS WITH THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,

STRESSING THAT DURING RECENT YEARS IT HAS DEVELOPED INTO AN ORGANIZATION COMPLETELY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PARLIAMENTS OF MEMBER NATIONS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE; THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF ITS PLENARY SESSIONS AND THE WORK OF ITS COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN INTENSITY AND VALUE; THAT ITS ACTIONS, BASED PRIMARILY ON THE PREAMBLE OF ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, COVER ALL ASPECTS OF TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIPS; AND THAT IT COMPRISES A SECRETARIAT WHOSE EFFICIENCY IS WIDELY APPRECIATED;

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EMPHASISING THAT IT CONSITUTES THE ONLY TRANSATLANTIC PRALIMANEARY
INSITUTION PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION ON AN EQUAL BASIS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF BOTH NORTH AMERICA AND WESTERN EUROPE;

RECALLING THAT, BY PUTTING AT THE DISPOSAL OF PARLIAMNETARIANS OF THE
MEMBER COUNTIRES DULY APPOINTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE LEGISLATIVE
BODIES A FORUM IN WHICH THEY CAN MAKE KNOWN THEIR PARTICULAR POINTS
OF VIEW, IT SERVES TO UPHOLD AND STRENGTHEN THE ATLANTIC DIALOGUE
IN ONE OF ITS MOST EFFECTIVE MANIFESTIATIONS;

TAKING NOTEE OF PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE OTTAWA DECLARATION ON ATLANTIC
RELATIONS OF 19TH JUNE, 1974 IN WHICH THE FOEIGN MISITERS STATE THAT:

"THEY RECOGNISE THAT THE COHESION OF THE ALLIANCE HAS FOUND EXPRE--
SION NOT ONLY AMONG THEIR GOVERNMENTS, BUT ALSO IN THE FREE EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS AMONG THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
ALLIANCE. ACCORDINGLY, THEY DECLARE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE STRENGTHENI
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OF LINKS AMONG PARLIAMENTARIANS";

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MINDFUL OF ITS EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH OTHER INTERNATILNAL
BODIES AND TO CINTINUE ITS INTEREST IN A WIDE RANGE OF ATALANTIC ISSU
ES:

WELCOMING THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS THAT IT MAINTAINS WITH NATO
THROUGH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THAT ORGANIZATION;

RECONGNISING THAT IT DOES NOT SEEK TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL PARLIAMENTARY ARM OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL;

CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO SEE AN EXTENSION OF ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL WHICH WOULD RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF ITS ACTIONS AND THE AUTHORITY IT ENJOYS AMONGST PARLIAMENTARIANS;

RECOMMENDS:

(1) THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL CONTINUE HIS PRESENT PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING TO ASSEMBLY TEXTS AND QUESTIONS;

(2) THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL CONSIDER DISTRIBUTING IN ADVANCE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY EITHER A SUPPLEMENT TO HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE ASSEMBLY OR A SUMMARY OF HIS VIEWS WHICH COULD BE USED AS A BASIS FOR QUESTIONS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE PLENARY SESSION;

(3) THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL CONSIDER RECEIVING A DELEGATION FROM THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS SPRING MINISTERIAL SESSION FOR AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CERTAIN PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE ALLIANCE:

(4) THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL CONSIDER SEEKING THE OPINION OF THE ASSEMBLY ON SELECTED ISSUES AFFECTING THE ALLIANCE;

(5) DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF INFORMAL CONTACTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES BETWEEN THE COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL;

(6) THAT, AS AN APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP TO PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE OTTAWA DECLARATION, THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, AT ITS NEXT MINISTERIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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SESSION, INCLUDE SPECIFIC RECOGNITION IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE ATLANTIC AREA.

COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION 44 ON EXTENDING ASSEMBLY RELATIONS WITH THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

1. THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IS CONVINCED THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY CAN PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN PUTTING ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC THE IDEALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ALLIANCE. WHILE THE ASSEMBLY ITSELF ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT DOES NOT SEEK TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL NATO BODY, IT DOES BRING TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE PARLIAMENTS OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES AND THIS CONSTITUTES THE ONLY FORUM FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC.

2. PERSONALLY, I HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE PLEASED WITH THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS I HAVE WITH THE ASSEMBLY AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE SUGGESTIONS PUT FORWARD FOR THEIR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. I INTEND TO FOLLOW THE SUGGESTION MADE IN POINT (1) OF THE RECOMMENDATION AND TO APPLY THE EXISTING PROCEDURE TO ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS WHICH MAY BE PUT BY MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY, EITHER ORALLY DURING THE PLENARY SESSION OR IN WRITING DURING THE YEAR.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, I FEEL THAT SOME OF THE OTHER SUGGESTIONS IN RECOMMENDATION 44 WOULD NOT BE EASY TO PUT INTO PRACTICE. TO INFORM MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY IN ADVANCE OF THE SUBSTANCE OF MY ADDRESS TO EACH PLENARY SESSION, OR PROVIDE THEM WITH A SUMMARY, WOULD RAISE CONSIDERABLE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR, IF THE PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE INFORMED SOME TIME IN ADVANCE, CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT OBLIGE ME TO MAKE A DIFFERENT SPEECH FROM THAT DEALT WITH IN THE SUMMARY, WHILE IF THE LATTER WERE AVAILABLE ONLY ON THE EVE OF THE PLENARY SESSION IT WOULD BE VALUELESS. I THEREFORE PREFER TO KEEP TO THE EXISTING PROCEDURE, BUT I AM QUITE PREPARED TO DEVOTE SUFFICIENT TIME TO THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE QUESTIONS RAISED TO BE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED AND TO ARRANGE WITH THE PRESIDENT A SUITABLE TIME SO THAT SUFFICIENT MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY CAN ATTEND THE DEBATE

4. THE AGENDA OF EACH MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC CONFIDENTIAL

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COUNCIL IS SO FULL AND THE TIME WHICH MOST MEMBERS CAN SPEND ON IT SO LIMITED THAT THE LATTER WOULD PROBABLY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO DEVOTE ENOUGH TIME TO MEETING A DELEGATION FROM THE ASSEMBLY FOR ANY USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TO TAKE PLACE.

5. IT WOULD APPEAR SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL TO CONSULT THE ASSEMBLY ON SELECTED ISSUES AFFECTING THE ALLIANCE, IN VIEW OF THE TRADITIONAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY AND AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODY; FURTHER, SUCH CONSULTATION WOULD BE LIABLE TO RAISE CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS IN SOME MEMBER COUNTRIES.

6. THE RAPORTEURS OF THE VARIOUS ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES ALREADY MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE APPROPRIATE SERVICES OF THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND NUMEROUS EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION TAKE PLACE. VERY CLOSE RELATIONS ALSO EXIST BETWEEN THE NATO MILITARY BODIES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, AND FURTHER MORE THE ALL IN FAVOUR OF EXTENDING THESE RELATIONS STILL FURTHER; MORE ESPECIALLY I SHOULD BE QUITE PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE SOME OF MY STAFF TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEES ON CERTAIN SPECIFIC POINTS, IF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED MADE THIS WORTHWHILE AND IF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE SO WISHED.

7. A REFERENCE, IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF A FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL MEETING, TO THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE ASSEMBLY

TO INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE ATLANTIC AREA DOES NOT
APPEAR VERY OPPORTUNE FOR, IF THIS REFERENCE WERE NOT REPEATED AT
THE FOLLOWING MEETING, THE PUBLIC MIGHT GET THE ERRONEOUS

IMPRESSION THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME COLLING-OFF IN RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE ASSEMBLY AND THE COUNCIL. THE TEXT WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO BE
REPEATED IN EACH COMMUNIQUE AND WOULD SOON BECOME A MERE FORMALITY,
DEVOID OF SIGNIFICANCES. AS THE ASSEMBLY HAS NOTED, THE COUNCIL HAS
ALREADY EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF LINKS AMONG
PARLIAMENTARIANS IN THE OTTAWA DECLARATION WHICH, OWING TO ITS
EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER, WAS GIVEN MUCH WIDER PUBLICITY THAN THE
HALF-YEARLY COMMUNIQUE.

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ON ECONOMIC HELP TO MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING THE HUGE AND WIDESPREAD IMPLICATION OF
THE OIL PRICES RISES, THE EVER-INCREASING INFLATION RATES, AND
THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES FOR THE ECONOMIES OF
MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE;

UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE ALLIANCE TO MAKE
A COMMON EFFORT TO SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS AND TO ENSURE THE
MAINTENANCE OF AN EQUAL BASIS FOR ITS ECONOMIC RELATIONS;

RECALLING THE DIRECT LINK BETWEEN POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC STABILITY;

RECALLING THE MANY RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN
THE PAST ON THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY IN SOME
OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE, HITHERTO GOVERNED BY
AUTHORITARIAN AND DICTATORIAL REGIMES;

URGES THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE:

(1) TO ENSURE, IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE, THE MAINTENANCE
OF DEMOCRACY IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES BY PREVENTING
ECONOMIC BREAKDOWN, FINANCIAL INSTABILITY AND SOCIAL
UNREST;

(2) TO ENSURE A SYSTEM OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
THROUGH LOANS AND CREDITS, EXPORT FACILITIES,
TRANSFER OF KNOW-NOW AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURES.

COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 18 ON ECONOMIC HELP TO

MEMBER COUNTRIE OFOF THE ALLIANCE

1. THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW
VERY CLOSELY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ALLIANCE COUNTRIES.
AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, MACHINERY NOW EXISTS TO MITIGATE THE
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EFFECT OF HIGHER ENERGY PRICES ON THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF
THE OIL IMPORTING COUNTRIES. SEVERAL OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES
PLAY A LEADING PART IN THIS CONNECTION.

(1) PRESENTED BY THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

2. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE ARE LIABLE
TO BE PARTICULARLY EFFECTED BY WORLD INFLATION AND BY HIGHER
PRICES FOR ENERGY, CERTAIN FOODSTUFFS AND RAW MATERIALS. THE
ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY COULD PLAY A VERY VALUABLE ROLE BY FOSTERING
IN THOSE ALLIED COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ECONOMICALLY MORE FORTUNATE,
THE POLITICAL WILL TO GIVE SUITABLE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, ON A
BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL BASIS, TO ALLIANCE COUNTRIES WHICH
SOUGHT IT.

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RESOLUTION 20

ON ENERGY SUPPLIES WITHIN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,
RECALLING ITS RECOMMENDATION 30 ON THE GUARANTEEING AND
DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SUPPLIES IN THE AREA OF THE ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE, ADOPTED DURING ITS SIXTH
ANNUAL SESSION IN 1973 IN ANKARA;

NOTING THE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES OF INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES
FOLLOWING THE OIL PRICE RISES;

NOTING THE HUGE ADDITIONAL REVENUES OF SOME OF THE OIL PRO-
DUCING COUNTRIES, AND PARTICULARLY OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES;

CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR ENSURING A RE-FLOW OF PART
OF THESE REVENUES BACK TO THE NON-ARAB INDUSTRIALISED WORLD;

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CONSIDERING THE OUTLOOK FOR RELIEVING DEPENDENCE ON MIDDLE
EAST OIL BY DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND BY
INCREASING THE USE OF FOSSIL FUELS LOCATED WITHIN MEMBER
COUNTRIES OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE;

CONSIDERING THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE ENERGY CRISIS;

RECOGNISING THE IMPORTANT WORK DONE WITHIN INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS OECD, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, THE IMF,
NATO AND OTHERS;

URGES THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE:

(1) TO ENSURE SHORT-TERM ENERGY SUPPLIES:

(A) BY SEEKING CLOSER MULTILATERAL CO-OPERATION WITH OIL
PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO CLARIFY MUTUAL INTERESTS;

(B) BY PROVIDING ATTRACTIVE INCENTIVES FOR OIL PRODUCING
COUNTRIES' ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO FLOW BACK TO INDUSTRIALISED
COUNTRIES;

(C) BY IMPOSING STRONG AND EFFICIENT ENERGY CONSERVATION
PROGRAMMES ON THEIR COUNTRIES;

(D) BY INITIATING, AMONG CONSUMER COUNTRIES, A MUTUAL GUARANTEE
ON ENERGY SUPPLIES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE MEMBER
COUNTRIES WITH DEFICITS IN BALANCES OF PAYMENTS;

(1) PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE AND THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

(2) TO ENSURE LONG-TERM ENERGY SUPPLIES:

(A) BY FURTHER DEVELOPING ENERGY CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGY;

(B) BY GIVING PRIORITY TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK ON
NUCLEAR, GEOTHERMAL AND SOLAR ENERGY AS WELL AS ON OTHER
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POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES, WHERE APPROPRIATE;

(C) BY WIDENING INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN ALL FIELDS OF
ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT;

(3) TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF ENERGY SUPPLIES FOR MAINTAINING
THE STRENGTH OF MILITARY DEFENCE CO-OPERATION, IN PARTICULAR
BY PROVIDING FOR THE IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE
RESERVE STOCKS.

COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 20 ON ENERGY SUPPLIES WITHIN
THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE

1. THE ESTABLISHMENT, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE OECD, OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY, TO WHICH SEVERAL MEMBER
COUNTRIES BELONG, SHOULD PERMIT BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF OIL
NEEDS AND SUPPLIES AND, IN AN EMERGENCY, ENSURE THAT JOINT
MEASURES ARE TAKEN TO RESTRICT DEMAND AND DISTRIBUTE THE
AVAILABLE OIL.

2. ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE ENERGY PROBLEMS OF THE NON-
COMMUNIST INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES INCLUDE THE RECYCLING OF
PETRO-DOLLARS AND THE GRANTING OF CREDITS TO COUNTRIES WITH
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICITS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND HAS MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED THE
OIL MACHINERY SET UP IN 1974 AND THE FINANCE MINISTERS OF THE
GROUP OF TEN HAVE AGREED TO THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL
25 MILLIARD DOLLAR FUNDS.

3. ACTUAL MILITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR OIL PRODUCTS
REPRESENT ONLY A VERY LIMITED PROPORTION (LESS THAN 5 PCT) OF
TOTAL CONSUMPTION. MEMBER COUNTRIES MAINTAIN ADEQUATE STOCKS
TO MEET THESE FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS.

4. AS REGARDS THE OIL SUPPLIES OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES,
THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE AND CERTAIN
OTHER SPECIALST COMMITTEES OR GROUPS KEEP THE COUNCIL

REGULARLY INFORMED OF CHANGES IN THE SITUATION, ESPECIALLY IN
THE EVENT OF A CRISIS.

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5. WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THE RESOLUTION, THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY HAS UNDERTAKEN PILOT STUDIES IN SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY, AS WELL AS ENERGY CONSERVATION THROUGH THE CCMS STUDY ON RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY. THESE THREE CCMS STUDIES WILL CONTRIBUTE IMPORTANT INPUTS OF TECHNOLOGY AND METHODOLOGY DEVELOPED IN THE CCMS CONTEXT TO NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THESE FIELDS.

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RESOLUTION 21
ON HUMAN RIGHTS (1)

THE ASSEMBLY,

COMMITTED TO THE GUARANTEE OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS SUCH AS THE FREE EXPRESSION OF IDEAS, THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLES BETWEEN COUNTRIES;

CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUING SUPPRESSION OF IDEAS AND THE PERSECUTION OF DISSENTERS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES;

CONCERNED, TOO, ABOUT THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON EMIGRATION BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT;

SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL RADIO BROADCASTING FOR ALL PEOPLES;

RECOGNISING THE IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A GENUINE EAST-WEST DETENTE AND AGREEMENTS ON THE HUMAN, CULTURAL AND INFORMATION ISSUES AT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE.

URGES:

(1) MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE TO STRONGLY PURSUE AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WHICH WILL HELP ASSURE THE FREE EXPRESSION OF IDEAS, THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND THE FREE FLOW OF IDEAS ACROSS NATIONAL BORDERS; AND
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BORDERS; AND

(2) MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE, IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE, TO CONFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT TO BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND RECOGNISE THE VITAL CONNECTION

THESE FREEDOMS HAVE WITH A GENUINE EAST-WEST DETENTE.

COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 21 ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHING TO THE GUARANTEE, IN ALL COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, OF SUCH FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AS THE FREE EXPRESSION OF IDEAS, THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND THE FREE

(1) PRESENTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION
MOVEMENT OF PEOPLES BETWEEN COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS OF THE NECESSARY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GENUINE EAST-WEST DETENTE AND THE CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS ON THE HUMAN, CULTURAL AND INFORMATION ISSUES.

2. EACH GOVERNMENT WILL ENDEAVOUR TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE FOR THESE VIEWS IN THE COURSE OF ANY BILATERAL CONTACTS THEY MAY HAVE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES. AT THE CSCE DISCUSSIONS ON THESE MATTERS, THEY HAVE ADOPTED A UNANIMOUSLY FIRM ATTITUDE AND THEY WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO REACH A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES.

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RESOLUTION 22

ON EUROPEAN DEFENCE CO-OPERATION(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,
RECOGNISING THE NEED FOR EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE TO
ACHIEVE A GREATER DEGREE OF CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE IN ORDER
TO MAKE THE EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE MORE EF-
FECTIVE;

RECOGNISING THAT THE EUROGROUP REPRESENTS THE ONLY FORUM

WITHIN WHICH PRACTICAL MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN THAT WILL ADVANCE
THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN DEFENCE CO-OPERATION;

CONCERNED AT THE LIMITED RESULTS SO FAR FROM THE EUROGROUP'S
ACTIVITIES;
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REGRETTING THE CONTINUED ABSENCE OF FRANCE FROM THE WORK OF
THE EUROGROUP;

RECALLING THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION SIGNED
BY ALL MINISTERS OF DEFENCE WHICH NOTED THAT:

- THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS SEPARATE NATIONAL PROJECTS ON THE
SCALE COMMON IN THE PAST CAUSES WASTEFUL DUPLICATION. THIS
WILL BE LESS AND LESS TOLERABLE IN THE FUTURE AND THE AIM MUST
BE PROGRESSIVELY TO ELIMINATE IT;

- STANDARDISATIONS OF EQUIPMENT CHARACTERISTICS BRINGS MAJOR
MILITARY, AS WELL AS ECONOMIC, BENEFITS;

NOTING THE CURRENT SITUATION ON THE REPLACEMENT OF THE F-104
STARFIGHTER AND THE POTENTIAL THIS ISSUE HAS TO DEMONSTRATE
MEMBER COUNTRIES' DETERMINATION TO SEEK COMMON SOLUTIONS TO
PROCUREMENT PROBLEMS;

NOTING THE FAILURE OF MEMBER COUNTRIES TO ABIDE BY THE ABOVE
PRINCIPLES WITH REGARD TO THE PRODUCTION OF FRIGATES;

WELCOMING THE DECISION BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND
THE NETHERLANDS TO PROCEED WITH THEIR PROCUREMENT OF NEW FRIGATES
ON THE BASIS OF THE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED CONCEPT OF A NEW NATO
FRIGATE;

(1) PRESENTED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

NOTING THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT STILL EXIST FOR ACHIEVING COM-
PATIBILITY OF ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS, AND THUS INVOLVING OTHER
MEMBER COUNTRIES IN PARTIAL CO-OPERATION;

URGES:

(1) MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE EUROGROUP TO GIVE THE MOST URGENT ATTENTION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORKING MECHANISM OF
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THE EUROGROUP, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO GREATER MINISTERIAL INVOLVEMENT;

(2) MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE EUROGROUP TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP TO ENCOMPASS ISSUES OF A BROADER SCOPE THAN CO-OPERATION IN ARMAMENTS PRODUCTION;

(3) THE FOUR MEMBER GOVERNMENTS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A REPLACEMENT FOR THEIR F-104 TO AGREE TO CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR DETERMINATION TO SEEK COMMON SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF EQUIPMENT;

(4) MEMBER GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT, I.E. PRODUCTION OF FRIGATES, TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR BELIEVE IN, AND SUPPORT FOR, THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION BY MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO MAXIMISE PARTIAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PROCUREMENT OF COMPONENTS.

COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 22 ON EUROPEAN DEFENCE
CO-OPERATION

1. AT THEIR MEETING IN DECEMBER 1974, EUROGROUP MINISTERS TOOK A FRESH LOOK AT IMPROVING THE WORKING MECHANISMS OF THE EUROGROUP; THEY PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE WORK OF THE SUBGROUP IN THE FIELDS OF MEDICAL SERVICES, TRAINING, EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION, BATTLEFIELD COMMUNICATIONS, LONG-TERM PLANNING AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE MEETING REFERRED TO THE FACT THAT MINISTERS HAD EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE SUB-GROUPS AND HAD STRESSED THEIR DETERMINATION TO PLAY A MORE DIRECT ROLE THEMSELVES IN INITIATING AND REGULATING THE SUB-GROUP'S ACTIVITIES.

2. MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ARE ALSO CONCERNED TO DEVELOP THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EUROGROUP. INDEED, CO-OPERATION IN THE EQUIPMENT FIELD - THOUGH A VERY IMPORANT PART OF THE EUROGROUP'S WORK - IS ONLY ONE OF A NUMBER OF AREAS IN WHICH THE GROUP IS CURRENTLY WORKING. AT THE DECEMBER 1974 MEETING, MINISTERS AGREED THAT A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS SHOULD BE STUDIED; AT THE SAME TIME, THEY AGREED ON THE VALUE OF CONTINUING TO DISCUSS AND TO FORM COLLECTIVE VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANT POLITICO-MILITARY QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE DEFENCE OF NATO EUROPE
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IN THE ALLIANCE FRAMEWORK.

3. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE EXTENT AND DEPTH OF EUROPEAN

COLLABORATION IN THE PROCUREMENT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT IS ONE OF THE AGREED OBJECTIVES OF THE EUROGROUP AS A WHOLE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE, THE FOUR EUROGROUP COUNTRIES CONCERNED WITH THE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE F104G AND OTHER AIRCRAFT HAVE ALWAYS STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF REACHING A COMMON SOLUTION ON THIS QUESTION, AND EUROGROUP MINISTERS AS A WHOLE RECENTLY RE-EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONSULTATIONS ON THIS PROGRAMME.

4. THE CONCEPT FOR A NEW NATO FRIGATE HAS BEEN APPROVED IN THE NATO NAVAL ARMAMENTS GROUP (NNAG); THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS ARE CO-OPERATING IN PROCUREMENT WITHIN A PROJECT GROUP UNDER THE NNAG, WHICH IS OPEN TO OTHER NATIONS TO JOIN IF THEY WISH. SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE ON-GOING PROGRAMMES FOR FRIGATES AND ARE ACCORDINGLY UNABLE TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TOTALLY TO THE NEW CONCEPT; THIS DOES NOT, HOWEVER, SIGNIFY LACK OF SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION. STRENUOUS EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO INCREASE COLLABORATION IN THE PROCUREMENT OF COMPONENTS FOR WARSHIPS. ALL NATO NATIONS HAVE ALSO AGREED IN THE NNAG THAT THE MOST FRUITFUL PROSPECT FOR COLLABORATION ON A FRIGATE REPLACEMENT IN THE LONG-TERM IS THE PERIOD OF THE 1980/1990S; THE NNAG IS NOW WORKING TOWARDS THIS END.

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RESOLUTION 23

ON EXPANDING ASSEMBLY RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS' GOVERNMENTS
OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,
STRESSING THAT DURING RECENT YEARS IT HAS DEVELOPED INTO AN
ORGANIZATION COMPLETELY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PARLIAMENTS OF
MEMBER NATIONS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE; THAT THE ACTIVITIES
OF ITS PLENARY SESSIONS AND THE WORK OF ITS COMMITTEES, SUB-
COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN INSTNSITY
AND VALUE; THAT ITS ACTIONS BASED PRIMARILY ON THE PREAMBLE
OF ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, COVER ALL
ASPECTS OF TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIPS; AND THAT IT COMPRISES
A SECRETARIAT WHOSE EFFICIENCY IS WIDELY APPRECIATED;

EMPHASISING THAT IT CONSTITUTES THE ONLY TRANSATLANTIC PARLI-
AMENTARY INSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION ON AN EQUAL
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BASIS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF BOTH NORTH AMERICA AND WESTERN
EUROPE;

RECALLING THAT, BY PUTTING AT THE DISPOSAL OF PARLIAMENTARIANS
OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES DULY APPOINTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE
LEGISLATIVE BODIES A FORUM IN WHICH THEY CAN MAKE KNOWN THEIR
PARTICULAR POINTS OF VIEW, IT SERVES TO UPHOLD AND STRENGTHEN
THE ATLANTIC DIALOGUE IN ONE OF ITS MOST EFFECTIVE MANIFESTATIONS;

TAKING NOTE OF PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE OTTAWA DECLARATION ON ATLANTIC
RELATIONS OF 19TH JUNE, 1974 IN WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS
STATE THAT:

"THEY RECOGNISE THAT THE COHESION OF THE ALLIANCE HASTBWD
EXPRESSION NOT ONLY AMONG THEIR GOVERNMENTS, BUT ALSO IN THE FREE
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG THE ELECTED REPRESNTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE
OF THE ALLIANCE. ACCORDINGLY, THEY DECLARE THEIR SUPPORT FOR
THE STRENGTHENING OF LINKS AMONG PARLIAMENTARIANS";

COGNISANT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT IN EACH MEMBER
COUNTRY FOR THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
ALIANCE;

(1) PRESENTED BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

APPRECIATE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS ACTIVITIES BY NATIONAL
GOVERNMENTS;

DESIROUS, NONETHELESS, OF EXPANDING ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH
NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THEIR MINISTERS AND AMBASSADORS;

RESOLVES THAT:

(1) THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE INDICATES WAYS THEY INTEND TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION OF 19TH JUNE, 1974, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO PARAGRAPH 13;
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(2) EACH MEMBER GOVERNMENT CONSIDER ADDING A MEMBER OF ITS NATIONAL PARLIAMENT, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY, TO ITS DELEGATION FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL.

URGES:

(1) MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THEIR MINISTERS AND AMBASSADORS TO BE AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY AT THEIR TWICE-YEARLY MEETINGS;

(2) THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL TO MEET INFORMALLY ONCE A YEAR WITH THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR A COLLOQUY ON ATLANTIC AFFAIRS;

REQUESTS THAT NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL RESPOND TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS PREPARED BY EITHER ASSEMBLY MEMBERS OR COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES.

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COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 23 ON EXPANDING ASSEMBLY RELATIONS
WITH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE

1. THIS RESOLUTION CALLS FOR THE SAME OVERALL COMMENTS AS
RECOMMENDATION 44. I AM SURE THAT IT WILL BE WELCOMED BY MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE, ALTHOUGH I CANNOT SPEAK ON THEIR
BEHALF.

2. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THE
OPERATIVE PART OF THE RESOLUTION (APPLICATION OF THE OTTAWA
DECLARATION AND ADDITION OF A PARLIAMENTARIAN TO NATIONAL
DELEGATIONS AT MINISTERIAL MEETINGS) IS, INDEED, A MATTER WHICH
MUST BE DECIDED BY THESE GOVERNMENTS.

3. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO THE THIRD PARAGRAPH, BUT IT WOULD
UNDOUBTEDLY BE USEFUL IF MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENTS OR PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES COULD ADDRESS ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES INsofar AS

THIS IS JUSTIFIED BY THE SUBJECTS DEALT WITH. RECENT EXAMPLES,
INDEED, SHOW THAT SUCH INTERVENTIONS CAN MAKE A POSITIVE
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CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSIONS.

4. THE SUGGESTION OF THE FOURTH APARAGRAPH THAT THE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY MEET THE PERMANENT REPRE-
SENTATIVES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IS ALSO A MATTER FOR
THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE. THERE SHOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO SUCH A
PRACTICE.

5. AS REGARDS THE REQUEST THAT NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO
THE CONCIL SHOULD RESPOND TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF
THE ASSEMBLY, THIS ALSO DEPENDS ON NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND
MEMBER STATES. NATIONAL CUSTOMS DOUBTLESS VARY SO MUCH IN THIS
RESPECT THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH A
COMMON PRACTICE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

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RESOLUTION 25
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A EUROPEAN "SOLIDARITY PLAN"
FOR THE SOUTH EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE ATTEMPTS UNDERTAKEN BY
THE TWO MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE, GREECE AND PORTUGAL,
TO ESTABLISH DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS;

CONSIDERING THAT IN BOTH COUNTRIES, BESIDES OTHER

INTERNAL POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES, PROBLEMS IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS IN PARTICULAR COULD NEGATIVELY INFLUENCE THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING DEMOCRATIC STABILITY;

CONSIDERING IN PARTICULAR THE DIFFICULT SITUATION THAT COULD RESULT IN PORTUGAL FROM THE MASS RETURN OF A SIZEABLE NUMBER OF PORTUGUESE AT PRESENT LIVING IN AFRICAN TERRITORIES BECOMING INDEPENDENT;

CONSIDERING THAT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY WITHIN SOUTH EUROPEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES (GREECE, ITALY AND TURKEY) GREATLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE COHESION OF THE ALLIANCE;
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URGES:

MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND

THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR, TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONCRETE REGIONAL POLICY FOR THE COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE IN ORDER TO ENABLE THESE COUNTRIES TO CREATE NEW AND LASTING JOBS AND TO STABILISE THEIR NATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATIONS.

(1) PRESENTED BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 25 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A EUROPEAN "SOLIDARITY PLAN" FOR THE SOUTH EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE

IT IS VERY MUCH IN THE INTEREST OF THE ALLIANCE THAT ALL ITS MEMBERS SHOULD ENJOY NOT ONLY PEACE BUT ALSO ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND SOCIAL STABILITY. IF THE SOUTH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, IT WOULD BE FOR THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS TO REPLY INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY. THE ALLIANCE WOULD NATURALLY TAKE A SYMPATHETIC VIEW OF ANY SUCH MOVE.

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RESOLUTION 26
ON INTRA-ALLIANCE PROBLEMS(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,
RECOGNISING THAT PRESENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PRESSURES NECESSITATE THAT THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE SEEK CLOSER ASSOCIATION AND CO-OPERATION, PARTICULARLY IN DEFENCE MATTERS, IN ORDER TO FIND COMMON SOLUTIONS TO THEIR PROBLEMS.

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RECOGNISING THE NEED FOR THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE TO DEMONSTRATE TO THEIR NORTH AMERICAN PARTNERS THEIR WILLINGNESS AND DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN AN EQUITABLE SHARE OF THE DEFENCE BURDEN;

CONCERNED THAT CONCENTRATION ON A EUROPEAN APPROACH SHOULD NOT LEAD TO FRICTION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE;

CONCERNED THAT PRESENT EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONTINUED ON THE BASIS OF THE FULLEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATION AND COHESION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE;

RECOGNISING THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS THE ALLIANCE ARE DIVISIVE AND AIMED AT REDUCING THE US PRESENCE IN EUROPE;

NOTING THE NEED FOR THE ALLIANCE TO RECONSIDER ITS SPHERE OF ACTIVITY AND RANGE OF AUTHORITY IN THE POLITICAL FIELD IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEMS OCCURRING OUTSIDE NATO'S IMMEDIATE BOUNDARIES, BUT WHICH HAVE A DIRECT EFFECT ON ALLIANCE SECURITY;

URGES:

(1) PRESENTED BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

(1) MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE TO RECONSIDER THE PRIORITIES OF THE ALLIANCE AND TO REDEFINE ITS POLICY WITH REGARD TO CURRENT PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OUTSIDE NATO'S IMMEDIATE BOUNDARIES;

(2) MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO UTILISE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ALLIANCE TO ACHIEVE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS COMMON TO ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES, AND TO MAXIMISE THE POTENTIAL OFFERED FOR CONSULTATION TO SETTLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES;

(3) THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE TO CONTINUE TO
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EMPHASISE AND DEVELOP EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE MATTERS, MAINTAINING THE FULLEST CONSULTATION WITH CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES;

(4) MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO RECONFIRM THEIR DETERMINATION TO PURSUE RELATIONS WITH THE EAST ON THE BASIS OF CLOSE CONSULTATION AND COHESION, AND TO AVOID ANY UNILATERAL MOVES THAT COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PRESENT PROCESS OF

DETENTE.

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COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 26 ON INTRA-ALLIANCE PROBLEMS

1. THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE HAS PROVED ITS WORTH OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS BY PRESERVING THE SECURITY OF MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THEREBY PAVING THE WAY FOR DETENTE. DESPITE THE SHIFT IN THE WORLD STRATEGIC BALANCE, THE BASIC FACTORS WHICH LED TO THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY HAVE NOT CHANGED. IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEM UNWISE TO QUESTION THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ALLIANCE OR RECONSIDER ITS PRIORITIES WHICH ARE, AND REMAIN, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SECURITY AT MILITARY LEVEL AND DETENTE AT POLITICAL LEVEL. THIS DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT THE ALLIANCE SHOULD NOT CONSTANTLY ADOPT ITS POLICY TO MEET CHANGING WORLD CONDITIONS. OBVIOUSLY, THE COMMON INTERESTS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES CAN BE AFFECTED BY PROBLEMS ARISING OUTSIDE THE AREA COVERED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. AS A RESULT OF THE OTTAWA DECLARATION, EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND THE PRACTICE OF FRANK AND FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS ON THESE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN INCREASED.

2. AS STATED IN OTTAWA, THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WISH TO ENSURE THAT THEIR ESSENTIAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP IS SUPPORTED
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BY HARMONIOUS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

3. THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WHO, IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING, PROVIDE THREE-QUARTERS OF THE LATTER'S CONVENTIONAL

STRENGTH AND CERTAIN OF WHOM POSSESS NUCLEAR FORCES, ARE DETERMINED NOT ONLY TO EMPHASIZE BUT ALSO TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVELY THEIR CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE MATTERS. THE EUROGROUP AND THE BODIES WHICH COME UNDER IT PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS RESPECT. HOWEVER, THE EUROGROUP IS NOT THE ONLY FORUM IN WHICH CONCRETE EUROPEAN CO-OPERATIVE DEFENCE MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN. CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT NON-NATO ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS WEU, FOR INSTANCE, COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE FORMULATION OF A POLICY AIMING AT A BIGGER EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMON DEFENCE. ANY EFFORT BY EUROPE TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS OWN DEFENCE, WHATEVER THE FRAMEWORK, WILL NATURALLY REINFORCE THE ALLIANCE, PROVIDED, OF COURSE, THAT THIS STRENGTHENING OF THE EUROPEAN PILLAR OF THE ALLIANCE GOES HAND IN HAND WITH A POLICY OF CO-OPERATION AND CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

4. THE COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE HAVE IN NO WAY CHANGED THE POLICY OF PERMANENT CONSULTATION WHICH THEY HAVE ALWAYS PURSUED AND WHICH MAKES FOR CLOSE COHESION IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE EAST, BOTH MULTILATERAL (THROUGH CONFERENCES SUCH AS THE CSCE AND MBFR) AND BILATERAL. IF DETENTE IS TO SUCCEED, HOWEVER, MEMBER COUNTRIES MUST RETAIN SOME FREEDOM OF ACTION IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES, WHILE WORKING TOWARDS THE COMMON AIM OF DETENTE.

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RESOLUTION 27
ON RAW MATERIALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,
AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS OF SUPPLYING CONSUMER COUNTRIES WITH RAW MATERIALS AND THE DIFFICULTIES OF ENSURING THESE SUPPLIES;
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AWARE EQUALLY OF THE EVER-GROWING THREAT TO THE ENVIRONMENT;

CONSIDERING THE MEASURES NECESSARY TO ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT;

RECOGNISING THE USEFUL AND VALUABLE WORK OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS OECD, AND THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY OF NATO.

URGES THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC

ALLIANCE:

(1) PRESENTED BY THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

(1) TO UNDERTAKE ALL USEFUL EFFORTS TO FIND AND DEVELOP NEW SOURCES OF RAW MATERIALS, INCLUDING IN AND UNDER THE OCEANS WHERE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SOVEREIGNTY IS URGENTLY NEEDED;

(2) TO ENCOURAGE RESEARCH INTO NEW SUBSTITUTES FOR THOSE RAW MATERIALS THAT ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE SCARCE AND EXPENSIVE;

(3) TO FOSTER AMONG THEIR POPULATIONS A CHANGE IN MENTAL ATTITUDE, AGAINST WASTAGE OF RAW MATERIALS AND IN FAVOUR OF A BETTER RE-UTILISATION OF THEM;

(4) TO MAINTAIN THE MEASURES WHICH ALREADY EXIST IN FAVOUR OF PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND TO IMPLEMENT ALL THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON DEFENCE OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO WHICH THEY HAVE SUBSCRIBED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 27 ON RAW MATERIALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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1. THE ASSEMBLY'S CONCERN WITH THE GROWING SHORTAGE OF RAW MATERIALS IS WELL-FOUNDED, AND FINDS REFLECTION IN SEVERAL PROJECTS ALREADY PROPOSED OR UNDERWAY IN NATO. UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE, AND AD HOC GROUP ON MATERIALS MET SEVERAL TIMES IN 1974, AND EARLY THIS YEAR THERE WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE COMMITTEE A PROJECT AIMED AT

IDENTIFYING AND AMELIORATING THE DISSIPATIVE USES OF SCARCE METALS. THIS EMPHASIS HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY ABSENT FROM MANY MATERIALS STUDIES PRESENTLY UNDERWAY; IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE PROJECT WILL LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SUBSTITUTABILITY AND ENHANCED RECYCLABILITY.

2. MEANWHILE, THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS DESIGNED TO PROTECT OUR EARTH, AIR, AND WATER ENVIRONMENTS.

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RESOLUTION 28
ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES

OF MODERN SOCIETY(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,

(1) PRESENTED BY THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

WELCOMING THE REMARKABLE RESULTS ACHIEVED THROUGH THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY;

NOTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED
BY THE CCMS TO IMPLEMENT THE RESULTS OF THE PILOT STUDIES;

NOTING THE STATE OF PROGRESS OF THE PILOT STUDIES
UNDER WAY;
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UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE THREE MOST RECENT
PILOT STUDIES, THOSE ON SOLAR ENERGY, GEOTHERMAL ENERGY AND
THE RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY;

WELCOMING THE PROGRESS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CCMS
AND THE ASSEMBLY;

URGES THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE:

(1) TO MAKE MORE USE THAN THEY DO TODAY OF THE
POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY THE CCMS AS AN INSTRUMENT
OF EFFICIENT INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION:

(1) IN CREATING BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS;

(B) IN PARTICIPATING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN ALL
PILOT STUDIES OF THE CCMS;

(C) IN PROPOSING NEW PILOT STUDIES IN THE FRAMEWORK
OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CCMS;

(2) TO SUBMIT TO EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PARLIAMENTS AN
ANNUAL REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-UP GIVEN TO THE PROPOSALS
ELABORATED BY THE CCMS AND APPROVED BY THE NORTH
ATLANTIC COUNCIL.

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COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 28 ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY

I WELCOME THE CONTINUED WARM SUPPORT OF THE
ASSEMBLY FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES
OF MODERN SOCIETY. PARTIPATION IN CCMS ACTIVITIES HAS
STEADILY INCREASED IN RECENT YEARS BUT THE ASSISTANCE OF NATO
PARLIAMENTARIANS IN PROMOTING SUCH PARTICIPATION WILL ALWAYS
BE VALUABLE. THIS APPLIES EQUALLY TO THE INITIATION OF NEW
PILOT STUDY PROPOSALS, ABOUT WHICH PARLIAMENTARIANS MIGHT BE
ESPECIALLY ALERT. BY BEING AWARE OF PRIORITY ENVIRONMENTAL
TOPICS IN THEIR ESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, PARLIAMENTARIANS MIGHT

RECOMMEND THESE TO THEIR NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AS POSSIBLY
SUITABLE FOR CCMS CO-OPERATION.

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RESOLUTION 29

ON ENERGY CONSERVATION(1)

THE ASSEMBLY,
CONSIDERING THE IMPLICATIONS OF CURRENT ENERGY PRICE
LEVELS ON THE MEMBER COUNTRIES;

STRESSING THE FACT THAT ENERGY CONSERVATION IS THE
ONLY REALISTIC SHORT-TERM WAY OF EASING THE ENERGY SITUATION;

NOTING THE NECESSITY FOR CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH WORK
ON CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGY;

NOTING THE WORK GOING ON IN ONE OF THE PILOT STUDIES
OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY;

URGES THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE:

(1) TO ACCELERATE RESEARCH WORK TO OBTAIN RELEVANT DATA
TO ESTABLISH CURRENT UTILISATION PATTERNS AND,
THEREBY DISCOVER THE AREAS OF GREATEST POTENTIAL
ENERGY SAVINGS;

(2) TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK ON
THE TECHNOLOGY OF EFFICIENT ENERGY UTILISATION;

(3) TO ENSURE, BY ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS, A REDUCTION IN
THE USE OF ENERGY IN ALL FIELDS OF CONSUMPTION;

(4) TO IMPOOSE BY LAW, WHERE APPROPRIATE, ENERGY
CONSERVATION MEASURES;

(5) TO ENCOURAGE STUDIES AND MEASURES ON THE USE OF
ENERGY WASTED IN THE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION
PROCESS;

(6) TO SUPPORT AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL
CO-OPERATION IN THE ABOVE-ENTIONED FIELDS, AND,
PARTICULARLY THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF
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COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 29 ON ENERGY CONSERVATION

THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY HAS
RESPONDED TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS RESOLUTION THROUGH ITS
PILOT STUDY ON THE RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY. ORIGINALLY
ENTITLED "ENERGY CONSERVATION", THE CCMS STUDY INCLUDES PROJECTS
ON THE CEMENT INDUSTRY, ELECTRIC UTILITY LOAD MANAGEMENT, AND
DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DATA BASE WITH A VIEW TOWARDS
CONSERVING AND MAKING MORE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY IN
PRIORITY SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY. SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS AND
EXCHANGES OF TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERTISE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE
IN ALL THREE AREAS AS AN OUTCOME OF EXPERT MEETINGS INVOLVING
BOTH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES. IT IS
ANTICIPATED THAT THESE PROJECTS CAN CONTRIBUTE EARLY PRACTICAL
RESULTS TO MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF ENERGY IN THESE SPECIALISED
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